

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 6 and 7 with the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, ~~it is an object of the present invention to~~we provide a composite material excellent in handling property, mechanical properties (particularly, compressive strength) and dimensional accuracy, a reinforcing fiber substrate capable of obtaining such a composite material with a good productivity, and methods for producing them.

Please replace the first and second full paragraphs on page 7 with the following:

~~It is another object of the present invention to~~We also provide a reinforcing fiber substrate, especially, a unidirectional reinforcing fiber substrate, which is good in impregnation property of a matrix resin, which can obtain a composite material excellent in mechanical properties (particularly, compressive strength after being applied with an impact, open-hole compressive strength, 0° compressive strength, etc.) with a good productivity and which is excellent in handling property (particularly, formation stability, tack property when laminated, etc.), and a composite material made therefrom, and methods for producing them.

~~It is a~~We further ~~object of the present invention to~~ provide a reinforcing fiber substrate, which can exhibit an excellent resin impregnation property in spite of a high fiber volume fraction (a high V_f) and can exhibit excellent mechanical properties, when a composite material requiring a high quality such as a structural element for aircraft is manufactured by impregnating a liquid resin into a dry reinforcing fiber substrate in an injection molding such as RTM or VaRTM (a vacuum assisted RTM), a laminate thereof, a composite material made therefrom, and methods for producing them.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 7 and 8 with the following:

~~To achieve the foregoing and other objects, a~~ reinforcing fiber substrate according to ~~the present invention~~ is formed by at least a reinforcing fiber yarn group arranged with continuous reinforcing fiber yarns in parallel to each other in one direction, and is characterized in that a resin material whose main constituent is a thermoplastic resin is provided at 2 to 15 % by weight at least on one surface of the reinforcing fiber substrate, and the reinforcing fiber volume fraction V_{pf} of the reinforcing fiber substrate calculated from a thickness of said reinforcing fiber substrate, which is determined based on JIS-R7602, is in a range of 40 to 60 % (a reinforcing fiber substrate according to a first aspect).

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 49 and 50 with the following:

Further, similarly to in the aforementioned first aspect, the resin material adhering to at least one surface of the substrate functions as a crack stopper in a composite material which is obtained by laminating the unidirectional reinforcing fiber fabrics (unidirectional reinforcing fiber substrates). In particular, when the composite material is applied with an impact, the resin material functions to suppress a damage, and it gives excellent mechanical properties (particularly, a compressive strength after impact) to the composite material (an effect for interlamina toughening). Even if the resin material adheres a portion except the surface, it functions to release an interior residual stress in the composite material, and contributes to increase the mechanical properties. Further, in addition to such an effect for increasing the appropriate stiffness, when the unidirectional reinforcing fiber fabrics are laminated, the resin material adhering to the surface becomes a spacer, and a space is formed between layers of the unidirectional reinforcing fiber fabrics adjacent to each other in the thickness direction. When a composite material is molded by injection molding described later, such a space functions as

a flow path of a matrix resin (an effect for forming a flow path at a portion between layers). By this effect, not only the impregnation of the matrix resin is facilitated but also the impregnation speed becomes high, and an excellent productivity of a composite material can be provided.